



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 5, 2005

S. 705

Meeting the Housing and Service Needs of Seniors Act of 2005

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
on July 28, 2005*

CBO estimates that implementing S. 705 would cost \$7.5 million over the 2006-2010 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts for those years. Enacting S. 705 would not affect direct spending or receipts. The legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 705 would establish the Interagency Council on Meeting the Housing and Service Needs of Seniors and would authorize the appropriation of \$1.5 million for each fiscal year through 2010. The council would work to improve the collaboration and coordination between federal departments and agencies that provide senior citizens with housing, health care, and other related services.

The council would be composed of at least 13 members, including 10 from federal agencies, and led by the Secretaries of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Health and Human Services. Members of the council would serve without compensation. However, the council would be authorized to appoint an executive director, who could hire temporary staff and provide other services as authorized by law. Federal agencies also could provide technical and administrative support. CBO estimates that the costs incurred by federal agencies would not be significant.

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